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Another Epic Fourth!

'Honoring Our Heroes' is theme for July 4 parade

The Silverton Fourth of July Parade Committee has announced the theme of this year's parade — "Honoring Our Heroes."

Please decorate parade entries in red, white and blue.

EVENTS:

Fun Run — 2K, 5K & 10K at Memorial Park. Registrations on day of race at 6 a.m. Race starts at 7:30 a.m. Race fee of \$25 includes t-shirt. This is a fundraiser for Silverton Youth Center. For questions, call Julie at 760-846-5853.

Parade — 11 a.m. on Greene Street followed by Fire Department's water fight

Entrants line up by 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse at 15th and Greene. Must be 50 percent decorated.

International Rhubarb Festival — following parade at Memorial Park with free Silverton Brass Band concert. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Delectable rhubarb treats can be topped off with ice cream if you desire. For sale only as long as they last, so don't miss out. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

During the Rhubarb Festival will be Kids Events at Memorial Park. Face painting, Bouncy Ride and more. Sponsored by Silverton Family Learning Center.

Ducky Derby — launch time is 2 p.m. at Memorial Park — a fun and unique event.

Purchase your duck and ducky t-shirt ahead of time at the Visitors Center at 414 Greene Street, or purchase at the Chamber tent at Memorial Park during the festivities.

CASH PRIZES TO 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE DUCKS. 970-387-5654

Fireworks at 9:30 PM

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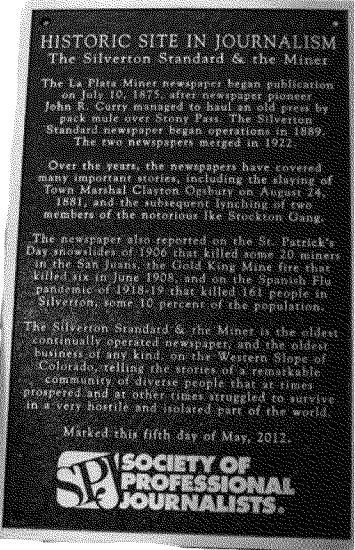
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Your Fourth of July Visitors Guide



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Welcome to Silverton!

By Mark Esper

Silverton is well-known for
the Greatest Fourth of July cele-
bration in the world! Have fun.
Play safely.

This town is all about survival,
in a very hostile — but specta-
cular environment. It's all here,
from the mild to wild. The last
undiscovered Mountain Town
in the Rockies.

In this issue you will get the
lowdown on all the Fourth of
July happenings. So kick back
and relax and have some fun.

editor's Opinion

I AGAIN WANT TO ap-
plaud Sheriff Bruce Conrad for
providing the most thorough
and entertaining Sheriff's Office
Blotter (see Page 4) this side of
the Pecos. So I started to give
him a byline this week. Top-
notch reporting.

IF YOU THINK that the
Silverton International Rhubarb
Festival cannot get any bigger, I
will take that bet. We're talking
at least 249 pies this year.
Bumper crop. Lots of brown

sugar. It's of course a fundraiser
for one of the town's anchor in-
stitutions, our Carnegie Library.
You can't miss it. Follow the
crowd to Memorial Park after the
parade.

EARLIER THIS WEEK,
a music park sprouted at the
pocket park at 12th and Greene,
which has become something
of an unofficial town square for
Our Fair City.

It's thanks to Harmony Parks
in Durango. Seriously, they
donated something like \$13,000
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Hot days in June

By Freddie Canfield

Some like it hot. This June was certainly for
you. We began with our hottest (67.2) and also
ended with our hottest (83.1).

Our coldest day, June 6 (48.3), was also our
bottom-out temperature just prior to 7 a.m. on
June 30.

That coldest day occurred during our Hurri-
cane Andres spinoff inundation, which a long
with Hurricane Blanca provided near flood con-
ditions and kicked off continuing heavy runoff
in the Animas drainage. Only four nights early
on were below freezing and then only for a few
hours. The second half of June began near 70
and never looked back. These past two weather
weeks have been close to or over 80 more often
than not.

The gold in them thar hills has given way
to airborne fluff, with dandelions going to seed
following fading memories of cool wetness for
so long.

Bachelor buttons, poppies and lupin bloom in
our yards. Our state flower — columbines — are
bringing blue increasingly in place of arctic iris.

Even penstemon and wild delphiniums are
adding deeper and darker shades of purple.
The ever-widening range of blossoms and the
perfume of pollination fill the air. Early morning
and night are my olfactory times of delight.
Days are dusty with fir and spruce as well as
mine road dust while approaching the high
places.

Louis, Mike and Dave have done an admi-
rable job of opening up the Alpine Loop and other
double-track up yonder.

But some dog-leg mine roads have yet to melt
out. So ask before venturing too far out there.

Stream crossing and river fording as well as
river running still are not safe bets. Vehicular as

Weather and Observations

Date	High	Low	Precip., conditions
June 24	76	37	Clear
June 25	77	36	Clear
June 26	78	37	Clear
June 27	78	39	Clear
June 28	79	41	Near clear
June 29	79	41	Clearly thin
June 30	83		

well as human deaths are occurring along with
way too many near-death experiences including
those who know better yet aren't included to do
better. We love you. We value you. Please make
wise choices. That way we all get to play another
day. Keep it together.

Speaking of playing, a huge choir combin-
ing dozens from Grand Junction and lots of
local musicians and vocalists occurred this past
weekend with a break in the action for Taste
of Silverton with even more music. Plus home
town born-at-the-Avalanche troubadour Julian
Roberts returning to his roots with his lovely
voiced lady.

If you are into tuned percussion, check out
the instrumentation which appeared appropri-
ately on Denny Kurtz's birthday over at Iron
horse Park — to be played and shared with one
and all, kids of all ages — gently, please.

Gentle rain Wednesday evening and even a
10-minute thunder and lightning show plus a
big drop event Sunday were it this weather week.
Fortunately the latter didn't occur Saturday with
around 250 lifted up to the top of Silverton
Mountain for a most wonderful marriage under
perfect conditions. Thank you, Powers That Be.

A colorful sunrise gives possible promises
for a bit of moisture circulating in this typical

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Guest Opinion

Why the
whistle was
blown at
Honeyville

By Don Stott

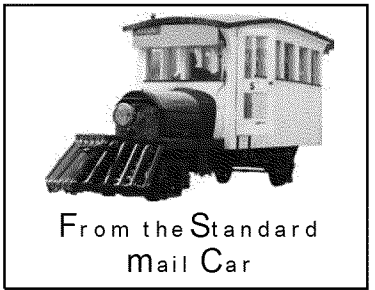
Honeyville, as you might
already know, is a great spot
12 miles north of Durango, in
which to purchase honey. How-
ever, this is only partially about
Honeyville.

A bit of history:
Durango's old, respected
Mayer family bought a honey
outfit in California named "Hon-
eyville" back in the 1950s and
moved it to its present location
in Durango. They successfully
operated it for over 30 years, and
sold it about 1984 to the current
owner-operators.

And now for a bit of railroad
history connected with Hon-
eyville.

On Sept. 22, 1958, at D&RGW
Milepost 445, (5 miles south
of Durango, and unfortunately
on a stretch of track that has
been abandoned since 1970), a
double-headed freight train was
going down what was known as

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Silverton should
not trust the EPA

Editor;
There's no way you can trust
the EPA. Along with our White
House, they too lie. Hestmark
said in part "We don't have an
agenda. Our responsibility is to
protect human health and the
environment."

OK, under whose definition?
They DO have an agenda. It's to
control and regulate everything
they can, and Silverton won't
like the outcome. I hope Silver-
ton DOESN'T allow them in. In
other words, I hope they're told
to go to hell!

Thanks For Listening,
— John C. Henderson, Tucson,
Ariz.

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Jim Donovan photo
A flight for life helicopter helps with the search for a 12-year-old girl Friday near Andrews Lake.

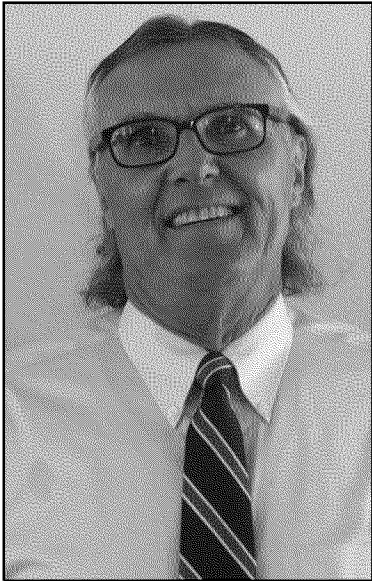
Girl found after night in wilderness
A 12-year-old Telluride girl spent a night in the wild last week in the Andrews Lake area but was found OK the next morning, according to Jim Donovan, director of San Juan Search and Rescue.
The girl was camping with a group called Colvig Summer

Camps when she disappeared on the night of Thursday, June 25 south of Andrews Lake.
Donovan said camp directors “looked for her for about two hours then called us.”
A Flight For Life helicopter was deployed in the search which was suspended at 1 a.m.
The next morning 14 searchers were deployed.

Town Council seeks contract with Gardner as administrator

Special meeting set for Monday to finalize deal
The Silverton Town Council voted on Wednesday, July 1 to enter into contract negotiations with Bill Gardner for the position of town administrator.
The 5-0 vote came in a special meeting at Town Hall at noon.
The town administrator’s position has been filled since last year by interim administrator Mark Garcia of Pagosa Springs, following the September 2014 resignation of Brian Carlson.
Gardner is already a Silverton resident and familiar with town having worked as a deputy in the 1970s under San Juan County Sheriff Virgil Mason, and later serving as Silverton town mar-

shal.
“My wife was the dispatcher — for no pay — at night.”
He was elected La Plata County sheriff in 1986, and served two terms.
Gardner then worked as the law enforcement operations commander for Mesa County and then police chief of Grand Junction, where he led a department of 225 people with a \$21 million budget.
Garcia said he will present a draft contract to the Town Council as soon as possible.
A special meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, July 6, at which time it is anticipated the contact can be approved.
Garcia said discussions indicate a starting salary of \$65,000 a year.



Bill Gardner

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seasonal high pressure swirl that will gradually meander east over the High Plains sometime after the Independence Day festivities. Thanks go out in advance

to all who make it all happen. Most especially all law enforcement and emergency medical personnel and our Silverton Fire Department. Plus everyone who volunteers in whatever capacity.
Your correspondent wishes you well, Make wise choices, what with hot dry possibly windy weather and high water potential. Enjoy. Celebrate. Share.

2015 4th of July Camping

The Town of Silverton will be operating 2 different campgrounds on a first-come,first-served basis July 1-6:

- n Depot Campground (across the tracks at the train depot 10th & Cement)
- n Kendall Mtn. Campground (KMCC 14th & Mineral)

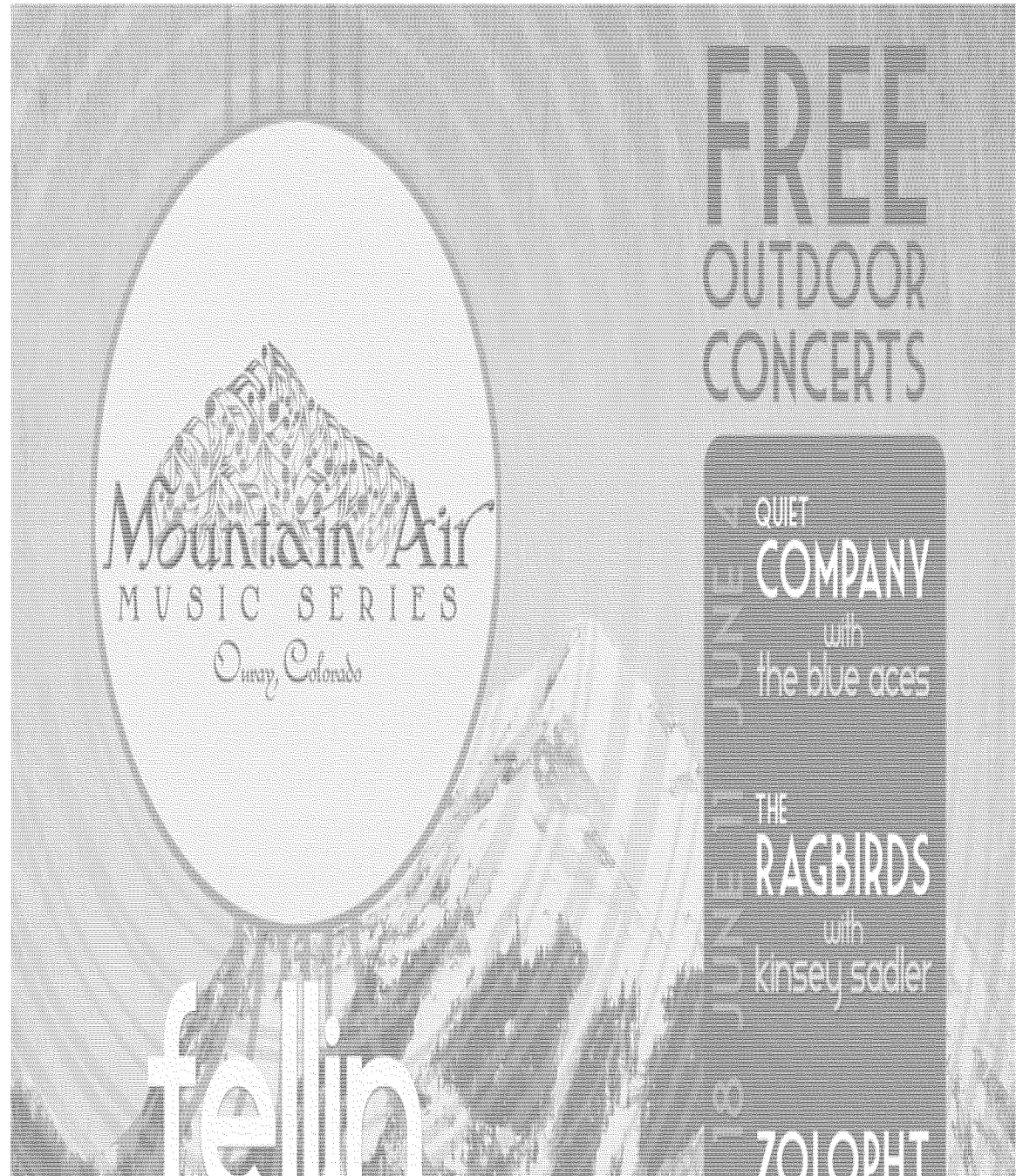
For more information contact Town Hall @ 970-387-5522 x 12

Both Campgrounds will open Wed. July 1st @ noon and close Mon. July 6th @ noon.
The camping fee is \$10 per person per night (14 yrs. or older).
Each campground will have port-o-johns, dumpsters, potable water and 24 hr. security.
Campfires are allowed in both campgrounds ONLY in approved self-contained firepits.
(firepits are available for rent while they last @ \$10 per week with a \$10 refundable deposit)
(firewood is available for sale)
Dogs are allowed but must remain leashed and owners must clean up after their dogs.
Quiet Time is between midnight & 8:00 a.m.
Littering, fireworks& open firefines STRICTLY ENFORCED.
The Following Rules Are STRICTLY ENFORCED:

1. You must have a permit for each vehicle. Every camper must have a wristband.
2. Campfires are only allowed in pre-approved, self-contained fire pits.
3. No illegal fireworks! \$300 fine.
4. Dogs must remain leashed or tied at all times. (You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog!)
5. Quiet time is midnight to 8 a.m. No generators or excessive noise during this time.
6. No ATV’s or dirt bikes allowed in camping areas – except camp host & employees.
7. Place trash in dumpsters & cans provided. Littering Fines STRICTLY ENFORCED.
8. Watch for pedestrians in the road. Speed limit is 15 mph.
9. Do not dump waste on the ground. The following places have water & dump available.

Camping also available at:

A&B RV Park 14th & Mineral 970-387-5347	Red Mtn. RV Park 664 Greene St 970-387-5512
Silver Summit RV Park 640 Mineral 970-387-0240	Silverton Lakes RV Park 2100 Kendall St 970-387-9888



San Juan County Sheriff’s Office blotter

Child found; 1 cycle, 2 crashes; wedding too loud

By Sheriff Bruce Conrad

June 22 — Issued a verbal warning for no visible registration. Found lost dog. Received a complaint of OHVs speeding on Empire Street; unable to locate. Received a lost cell phone. Issued a written warning to an OHV parked off the route. Responded to a vehicle that ran off the road; no damage or injury. Followed up with harassment complaint. Issued a verbal warning for open container in town. Responded to a complaint of a reckless motorcycle, stopped a bike that was not the suspect, unable to locate the offender. Responded to a report of damage to the roadway on U.S. 550, MP 68.5; damage was known and slated to be repaired by CDOT the next morning. Issued Keith Dowser of Silverton a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle after stopping him for weaving on the highway. Received a report of concern over an increasingly aggressive citizen; the S.O. is paying extra attention to the individual. Received a report of a potential harassment; under investigation. Received a complaint of a loud tractor trailer downtown; had driver move to the visitor’s center. Followed up with fatal accident.

June 23 — Served civil papers. Downtown foot patrol. Received another lost wallet. Responded to a noise complaint regarding a running diesel truck outside a bar. Responded to a vehicle stuck in the river; no injury or damage. Served more civil

papers. Issued a verbal warning for speeding on U.S. 550.

June 24 — Received a complaint about a possibly abandoned vehicle; under investigation. Oriented Sheriffs Officers to ambulance operations. Issued a verbal warning for speeding in town; and two for speeding on the highway. Issued a parking ticket to a vehicle blocking an alley. Issued Levy Garcia of Delta a citation for speeding on U.S. 550. Received a report of OHV where prohibited on Cement Street; unable to locate. Received another report of OHVs where prohibited on Cement Street; also unable to locate. Received a report of a burglary; property was returned to the owner without charges filed. Performed a paper transfer service for a citizen. Issued a verbal warning for improper use of off-road lights on an OHV. An overnight search-and-rescue operation was conducted for a missing child; brave little girl curled up under a log for the night and was brought home safely the next day. Responded to a disturbance that became a civil standby.

June 25 — Report of OHVs where prohibited, unable to respond as rescue operations were still in action. Received a report of an overdue party; later showed up at Durango Mountain Resort. Ambulance assist. VIN inspection.

June 26 — Returned two lost dogs to their owners. Assisted a child in transporting a little red wagon to their residence. Returned lost wallet to owner. Search and rescue operation

to transport a party who was injured after falling off a horse in the Cascade area. Responded to a disturbance on a tour bus in which a woman was vandalizing the bus to better her view; the tour company didn’t wish to press charges, just be to rid of the unpleasant individual. Issued written warnings to three OHVs parked where prohibited. Downtown foot patrol. Issued a rental company one parking citation for several vehicles parking too far from the curb and causing vision issues at an intersection. Issued a verbal warning to a motorist with a barking dog in his truck.

June 27 — Issued Walter Johnson of Roswell, N.M., a citation for OHV where prohibited. Responded to a motorcycle accident with two injured parties on U.S. 550 MP 59. Responded to a second motorcycle accident involving the same bike with a different rider, who was injured when he went down at MP 51.25. Issued a written warning to an OHV parked where prohibited. Issued a verbal warning to two individuals with open containers. Discussed better enforcement of the perimeter at a liquor licensed establishment. Issued a verbal warning for speeding in town. Responded to a complaint of OHV where prohibited; issued a citation to Lore Lyne Apple of Crawfordsville, Ind. Received a complaint of a vehicle traveling on the highway shining a laser pointer at other motorist; stopped vehicle and lectured the kids in the vehicle about the dangers.

Issued Keith Dowser of Silverton, yes the same, another summons for operating a different motor vehicle without insurance after stopping him for speeding in a vehicle with faulty brake lights. Received report of a lost dog. Issued a written warning to an OHV parked off the route. Issued an intoxicated male a summons for cruelty to animals due to his foul treatment of a dog outside of a bar. Responded to noise and fireworks complaints regarding a large wedding party in Memorial Park.

June 28 — Received a report of a dog found on the highway; parties traveled on to Montrose with the animal. Received a report of a lost dog from a camper who was very upset his dog was on its way to Montrose. Issued a written warning to an OHV parked where prohibited. Issued a parking citation for parking too close to a fire hydrant. Issued a verbal warning for disregarding a stop sign. Received a report of a flower pot destroyed outside a hotel; last night’s intoxicated individual charged with cruelty to animals was more interested in paying for the pot than receiving additional charges. Issued another parking citation for parking too close to a fire hydrant. Discussed the appropriate path for a rental company’s OHVs to enter and exit their property, avoiding off route travel. Responded to a report of a trashed camp site; unfounded. Downtown foot patrol. Responded to a report of campers on private property refusing to leave; the campers decided pack-

ing up was easier than making an appointment with the judge. Issued another parking citation for parking too close to a fire hydrant. Issued a verbal warning to a resident with their OHV parked off their property, and off the route. Received a found wallet and contacted the owner to arrange return. Received a report of a jeep rolled on Black Bear Pass; under investigation. Responded to an accident on U.S. 550 MP 64.25 involving a vehicle that rolled because the driver was texting. Responded to a large travel trailer stuck in Cunningham Gulch due to the road giving way at a culvert.

Have a safe Fourth
*The 4th is right around the corner, and as usual, the influx of visitors to our small community has begun. The vast majority of the people who come to enjoy our neighborhood are great people with good intentions, but you can’t have that many people in one place without having some boneheads thrown in too. This is a good time to remind your kids to be extra careful walking and biking around town. Have the stranger danger conversation, and in general button up around the house as we are spoiled with our usual theft free existence. We will once again be joined by officers from the La Plata County Sheriffs Office, the BLM, the USFS, the Alpine Ranger, and Colorado State Patrol coming to assist with the holiday festivities. The Sheriffs Office hopes you have a fun, safe, and drama free 4th!

COMING EVENTS
August 2015

- Aug. 1-2** — Mountain Man Softball Tournament, ballfield at Visitors Center
- Aug. 7-9** — Hardrockers Holidays, Kendall Mountain Recreation Area
- Aug. 14-16** — Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival, Silverton School Gym
- Aug. 13-16** — True West Railfest, Durango and Silverton
- Aug. 22** — Silverton Alpine Marathon & 50K, Memorial Park
- Aug. 25-30** — Annual 1-2-3-6 Day Run & 1,000 Mile Challenge www.silverton1000.com
- Aug. 29** — Dillon’s Run, Kendall Mountain Recreation Area

September 2015

- Sept. 4-5** — Fourth Annual Silverton Western Movie Festival, Silverton School Performing Arts Center
- Sept. 4-7** — Silverton All School Reunion
- Sept. 12-13** — Silverton Quilt Show and Sale, Silverton School gym
- Sept. 26-27** — DSNGR Fall Photographer’s Weekend

October 2015

- Oct. 31** — Last train to Silverton

November 2015

- Nov. 26** — Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Brown Bear Cafe

December 2015

- Dec. 5** — Yule Log Festival, Kendall Mountain Recreation Area
- Dec. 12** — Holiday Bazaar, American Legion Hall
- Dec. 12** — Holiday Community Dinner, Kendall Mountain Recreation Area
- Dec. 24** — Santa Comes To Town, 1 p.m. at Town Christmas Tree
- Dec. 25** — Annual Community Christmas Dinner, Silverton School

The reward fund for the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who vandalized the graves of the Archuleta family has been raised to \$3000. If you have information please contact the San Juan County Sheriffs Department.
Thanks

Mountain Happenings

- Saturday, July 4**
JULY 4 CELEBRATION, FIREWORKS
 - Blue Ribbon Fun Run/Walk, registration 6 a.m., race starts at 7:30.
 - Parade at 11 a.m. followed by Fire Departments’ Water Fight
 - International Rhubarb Festival & Silverton Brass Band concert
 - Ducky Derby at 2 p.m.
 - A Theatre Group production at 2 p.m.
 - Fireworks after dark
- July 10-12**
 - **Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run.**
- Monday, July 13**
 - **Silverton Town Council,** 7:30 p.m., Town Hall.
- Wednesday, July 15**
 - **San Juan County Board of Commissioners,** 8:30 a.m., County Courthouse.
 - **Blood drive,** Kendall Mountain Community Center, 2-7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 18**
 - **Kendall Mountain Run** & “K2 Double– 12 mile and 24.1 mile Runs
 - **Silverton Barbershop Music Festival,** Silverton School gym, 7 p.m.
- Ongoing**
 - **Belly Dance at Silverton Soulworks:** Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Belly Dance 2 (w/ instructor approval); 6:30-7:30 p.m., Belly

- Dance Flow / Drills (alternating weeks, all levels) Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Zumba; Thursdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Zumba. All are at Silverton Soulworks and prices are \$12 drop in or \$10 with a Caldera 10 Punch Pass.
- **Salsa classes** Wednesday nights, 6:30 p.m., at Soulworks. For more information, contact Noah Chutz at nchutz@gmail.com.
- **Silverton Threads Quilting Club,** 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Kendall Mountain Community Center. All interested in quilting, crochet, knitting, and crafts are invited.
- **San Juan County Historical Society Archive** — Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Blair Street Historic District Association,** 5 p.m., first Wednesday of each month, Empire Street Bunkhouse.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets in Silverton every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For locations, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.
- Spiritual Events**
 - **Church of Christ,** Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (970) 946-7648.
 - **St. Patrick’s Catholic Church,** Father Nat Foshage, Mass, 5 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays, 1005 Reese St., 325-4373.
 - **Church of Jesus Christ**

- of Latter Day Saints.** Spike Bond, president, Sunday services: sacrament meeting, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; priesthood, 11 a.m., 727 Greene St., 387-5338.
- **First Congregational Church** of Silverton, Sue Kurtz, moderator. Sunday service 9 a.m. All are welcome. 1070 Reese St. (970) 387-5759. e-mail: silvertonuco@aol.com Website: silvertonchurch.org.
- **Silverton Church on the Hill,** 11th and Snowden, Pastor Mark Lawson, (970) 387-5215. Sunday KSJC (92.5 FM) 8-10 a.m., Christian music, devotional and sermon; Bible study, 9 a.m.; Children’s Sunday School at 10:15; 10:15 a.m. regular service; Wednesday night prayer/fellowship, 7 p.m.
- **Word of Life Fellowship,** Pastor Jim Greenfield, Sunday service starts at 9 a.m., 1706 Empire St. 387-5893.

What’s Happening?
Got somethin’ goin’ on? Contact the Standard. Phone 387-5477, e-mail editor@silvertonstandard.com

Music park



ABOVE: The music park equipment being installed Monday.
BELOW: Kids playing on the isnruments on Tuesday



Town gets the sound of music

The Town of Silverton now has a music park downtown thanks to a donation from a Durango company.

Richard Cooke of Free Notes Harmony Park delivered the 4-piece, \$13,000 set to town on Monday and it was installed at Iron Horse Park at 12th and Greene.

"This one's a real sweet one," Cooke said Monday while helping with assembly. "We have ones in Moab and Durango. A lot of people who ride the train will enjoy these."

The park includes four large instruments — contrabase chimes, the swirl, the manta ray and the duet.

"There's no wrong note. It's all in harmony," Cooke said. "They never get out of tune. No one has to know anything and you can still be very inspired."

And Cooke said he hopes it makes the pocket park more lively and inspires others to bring instruments to play.

"It's going to help a lot of people. It empowers children and they can teach their parents how to play."

"It's going to make people happy," Cooke said. "Music ties everyone together."

The instruments now belong to the Town of Silverton and can be moved if necessary to another location.

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Lisa Zucker Glick (Joel's sister) came to Silverton for the first time last summer and climbed to Joel's memorial plaque on the Hardrock Hundred course.

Zucker scholarship awards \$4,500 to local youths

It's dedicated to Hardrock Hundred runner Joel Zucker

The Silverton-based Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run will be starting its 21st run on Friday, July 10, this year.

Founded in 1992, the run was canceled in 1995 due to snow and again in 2002 due to fire. In 1998, one of our most quirky entrants—Joel Zucker from upstate New York, finished his third consecutive run with ten minutes to spare.

He was ecstatic and "in the best shape ever," he claimed right before the run. However, as fate would have it, he died 36 hours later of a brain aneurism and left the Hardrock community in shock. Joel had been the catalyst for the Ultra List Server and wrote beautiful missives on ultrarunning, inspiring many to attempt their first one-hundred-mile run. He was a legend in his own time.

To keep his memory alive, donations poured in and a scholarship was established in his name for Silverton High School seniors who would be attending college. Over the years, for lack of students, this scholarship has been extended to include students from the surrounding Hardrock communities of Lake City, Ouray and Telluride who volunteer at the Hardrock run. In addition, students who receive this award are eligible for Continuing Education funds while they are still in college.

This year we will award our 59th scholarship totaling almost \$55,000 in disbursements. Our three winners are all Continuing Education applicants who will each receive \$1500 towards tuition:

- Gerardo Acosta, Jr. (2014 Silverton High School graduate) at El Paso Community College;
- William Custer (2014 Silverton High School graduate) at Adams State University; and Drew Nelson (2012 Lake City Community School graduate) at CSU in Fort Collins.

The awards will be presented on Thursday, July 9, at noon at the Silverton High School gymnasium during the Runner's briefing.

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ABOVE: Carey Greene of Silverton drives his 1912 Ford Depot Hack to lead the Antique Truck and Car Parade on Saturday, June 27. LEFT: Bob Brokering in his old International flatbed truck.

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Ray Dileo/Silverton Standard & the Miner
A large crowd enjoyed fair weather and great food on Saturday, June 27 at the Taste of Silverton. The 2015 winner was Avalanche Brewing Co. Grumpy's came in second and Natalia's was ranked third. Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce Director DeAnne Gallegos said there was steep competition this year.

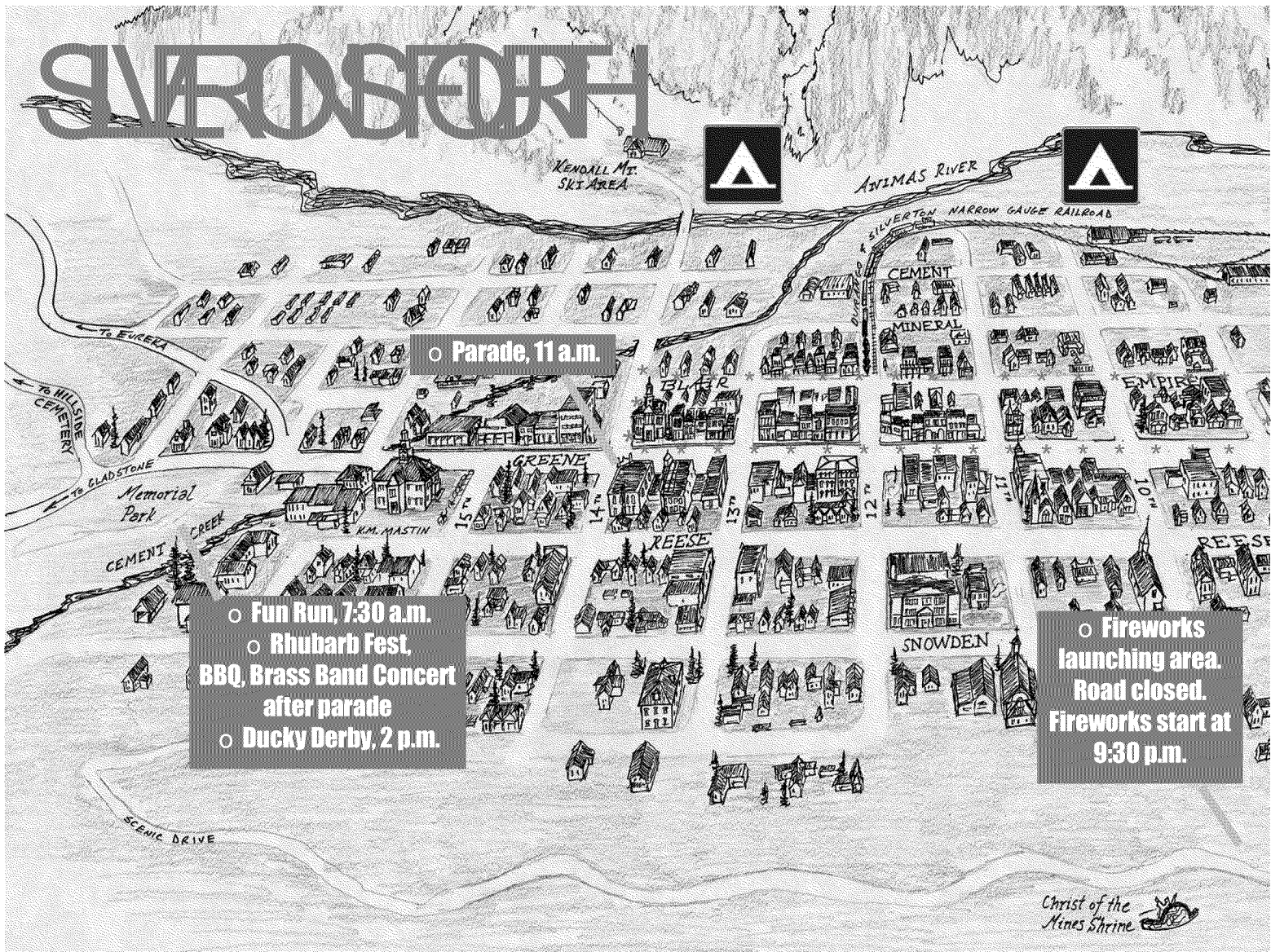
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Normal hours at Silverton's trash repository are 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



Flyover scheduled

An Air Force flyover for Silverton's Fourth of July is scheduled to take place between 11 and 11:10 a.m., according to Silverton resident and Air Force veteran Ray Dileo, who requested the flyover on behalf of the town.

Two F-16 fighters will come screaming in from the south.

The Air Force jets are from the 120th Fighter Squadron, 140 Wing, stationed at Buckley Air Force Base in Denver.

Fourth of July Fun Run

Memorial Park
• Silverton, CO
2k, 5k & 10k

Registration: 6:00am
Race Starts: 7:30am
Price: \$25
Cruiser BBQ to follow

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Huge fireworks show ready

More than 3,000 shells ready to be launched

This year's Fourth of July celebration will again be capped with the largest fireworks show on the Western Slope of Colorado.

Silverton Fire Chief Gilbert Archuleta said some 3,000 shells will be fired using the department's new launch system.

That will include 10 10-inch shells, 15 12-inch shells and one mammoth 16-inch shell.

"It's going to be a big show," Archuleta said, with 28 spectacular "finale boxes" lined up.

Archuleta said this year's fireworks show, which always

draws huge crowds to town, will be dedicated "to the men and women who made our freedom possible."

It will also be dedicated to firefighter Kim Demaree, who was injured in last year's fireworks show. The installation of new launch system should keep firefighters out of harm's way, Chief Archuleta said.

"It will be a lot safer. It takes a lot of the risk factor out."

Archuleta also noted that a portion of the Shrine Road will be closed on the Fourth for setting up the fireworks show.

And Archuleta said that on Sunday, July 5, help will be needed to clean up Shrine Hill from

the aftermath of the fireworks show.

Fireworks warning
Sheriff Conrad advises

visitors and residents that fireworks that leave the ground and explode are illegal and their use will result in a \$300 fine.



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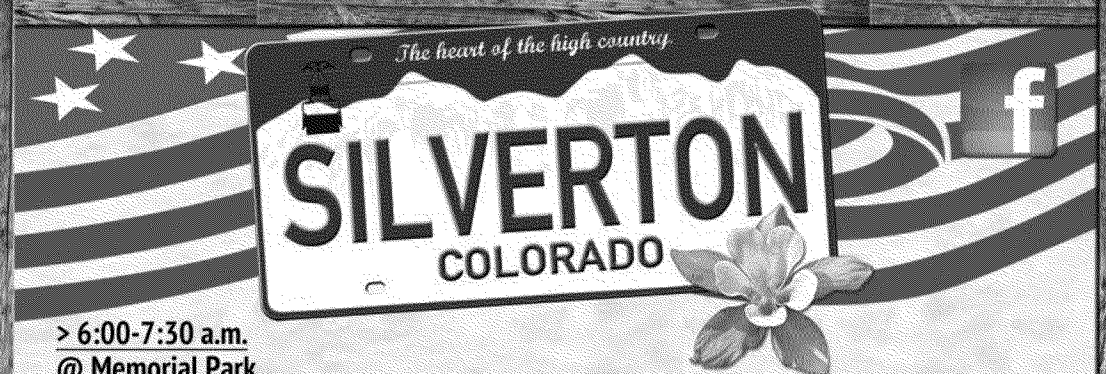


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> 10:30 a.m.
@ Greene/Blair Streets
• 4th of July Parade & Fire Department Water Fight
• Parade Theme: "Honoring Our Heroes"

> Following Parade & Water Fight
@ Memorial Park
• International Rhubarb Festival: Hosted by the Friends of the Library
• Silverton Brass Band Concert in Gazebo
• Fundraising BBQ: Silverton Youth Center

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STOTT, from Page 2

“Bocea Hill.”

The train consisted of engines 483 on the front, and 494, engineered by Bob Scholk as the second engine.

D&RGW rule # 17-N said, “Trains must not be double-headed on descending grade movements.” It was double-headed, and it is unknown whether this was by official permission, or it just happened. The reason for the rule is that doubleheaded trains going downhill need no second locomotive, and a second one is pointless as well as possibly making braking difficult.

The 483 was engineered by “Wild Bill Holt,” as he was known by other trainmen. “Wild,” because he was known to take a nip of whiskey often, and also he was known as a fast runner. Whatever the reason, Wild Bill was going down Bocea Hill far too fast, and he turned his 483 over, injuring himself and killing his fireman. His fireman was Paul Mayer, whose parents owned Honeyville.

It is unknown whether Holt received brownies or was disciplined for his tragic accident. There was no mechanical failure, and obviously rule 17-N had been violated by double-heading. Paul’s brother Jim also worked for the D&RGW narrow gauge, and after it was sold to Charlie Bradshaw, like all the “Rio Grande” guys, he went to standard gauge. In Jim’s case, he went to Grand Junction, but was a close advisor to Bradshaw for years, till he sold the line to its present owner.

In memoriam to Paul Mayer, their fallen brother, all engineers blew their whistle as they passed Honeyville for many years, both going to and from Silverton. It was a touching and heart warming action! Obviously, they don’t do it now, as current engineers probably have never even heard of Wild Bill Holt, or the accident which killed Paul Mayer.

How things have changed in 57 years!

Don Stott is a former resident of Silverton.

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in equipment. And now the town owns it. It can be moved to another location if necessary at some point but for now it is really bringing some harmony to downtown.

It’s been an instant sensation. Kids are loving it and the sounds add to the pedestrian experience.

Silverton is all about pedestrians, after all. That’s why some magazine I cannot even remember named us as one of the greatest “cities” for commuters. Statistically we have an average of about 3.4 blocks to sled across in winter on our way to work.

Anyway, we can all look forward to another Fantastic Fourth capped by the Greatest Fireworks Show on the Planet Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

Look, Silverton’s a fun town. It’s what we do. So let’s do it.

Mark Esper is editor and publisher of the Silverton Standard & the Miner.

fareWell to brisOn



Ray Dileo/Silverton Standard & the Miner

Family and friends of Brison Gooch listen to others recount stories about Brison Gooch of Silverton during a service at Hillside Cemetery on Saturday, June 27. Brison, a retired history professor and former Silverton Town Council member, died Nov. 24, 2014.

aMerican pies



Ray Dileo/Silverton Standard & the Miner

PauletteSchmalz, Blair Runion, Barbara Renowden, Claudia Moe, Keri Metzler and Alexis Turner work baking pies at the Silverton School cafeteria for the upcoming Silverton International Rhubarb Festival at Memorial Park on the Fourth of July. A record-breaking 249 pies were baked.

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Long train

An extraordinarily long train departs Silverton on Friday, June 26 in this image taken from a drone. A broken piston on a Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad engine forced another one of the three daily trains to add extra cars for the run back to Durango.

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Road work starts Tuesday on Red Mtn. Pass

The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin a project on July 7 to repair five crib walls (retaining walls) below U.S. 550 on Red Mountain Pass. The estimated total cost of this work (from design through construction) is \$5.7 million. The construction contract was awarded to Rock & Company of Brighton. This is a two-season project, scheduled for completion by Nov. 15, followed by a winter shutdown, and likely running from mid-April to late June 2016, weather permitting. This project consists of repairing and replacing crib walls at the following work sites, listed in order of work dates (all dates weather permitting):

The work sites include:

- MM 88.5 to 88.6 — Approximately 4 miles south of Ouray near snow shed. Begins: July 7, ends Sept. 15. Work includes excavation, culverts, retaining wall construction, minor paving.
- MM 79.5 to MM 79.4 — Just south of Red Mountain Pass summit in San Juan County Begins: Sept. 1, ends Nov. 15. Work consists of rock excavation and blasting, retaining wall construction
- MM 89.5 to MM 89.7 — Approximately 3 miles south of Ouray Begins: Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 6 (depending on San Miguel Power Co.'s repair project). Ends Nov. 15.

Work includes excavation and roadway stabilization that includes installation of a concrete "cap" or slab over the crib wall, drainage improvements and paving. This stretch of U.S. 550 receives an average annual daily traffic count of 2,164 vehicles a day. The repair project will improve the safety and integrity of the highway by reinforcing these under-highway slope-side walls. "These crib walls are in critical need of repair and replacement," CDOT Region 5 Program Engineer Ed Archuleta said. "We need to address this now to avoid emergency repairs." TRAVEL IMPACTS: Anticipated travel impacts are some

single-lane, alternating traffic, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be two nights of full closures to enable crews to install a pipe under the highway. These will be announced in advance.) In October, there will be full traffic stops in both directions between approximately MM 89-91 (Engineer Pass Road will remain accessible from the south and, at times, from the north); potentially, these closures will be half day only—with hours to be determined. In 2016, the impacts are expected to be similar, though the majority of the work will be at Site 1. More details of 2016 work will be known once this current season is complete.

PROJECT INFORMATION: For updates or to ask questions, the public may call the contractor's project information line at (970) 209-3332. To sign up to receive project information and/or lane closure updates on state highways in the area of your choice, visit CDOT's website at www.codot.gov and choose the envelope icon at the bottom of the page. Or, to see CDOT's lane closure reports for projects statewide, visit www.codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html. A brief on all upcoming projects (titled "Summer Construction Books") in CDOT's Region 5 (SW Colorado) is posted here: <https://www.codot.gov/programs-projects/projects>.

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Erick and Lizzie Loyer, owners of Ice Pirates Backcountry Adventures, a guided snowmobile touring company operating on Molas Pass, have opened up shop at 957 Greene Street with their new summer extension: Rock Pirates Backcountry Adventures! They will be renting Tomcats, an ATV that began as a military vehicle used by the Israeli and USA armies and has since ventured into recreation. Made in the USA, the Tomcats are stout, hand-welded machines with the highest ground clearance of all stock ATVs on the market. Come on by, check out the new fleet and explore the San Juan Mountains with Rock Pirates this summer!

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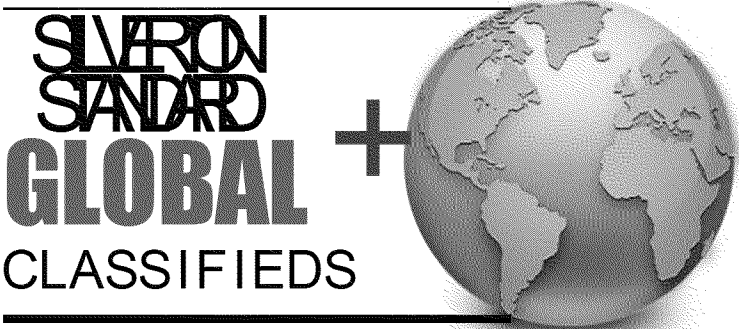
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GALLS, SHERIFFS BILL	\$	1,015.99
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IVY LEFEBVRE, MAY 15 YARD WORK	\$	192.00
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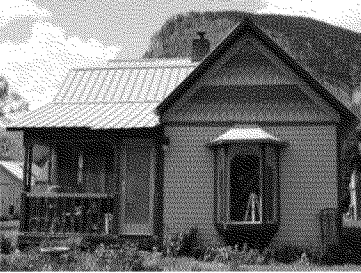
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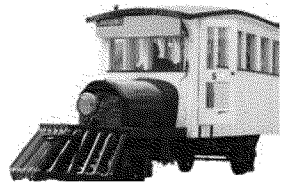
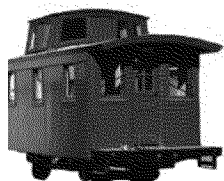
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Molas Lake park, June 28, 1925



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Molas Lake Park dedication picnic, June 28, 1925.

WAY BACK!



125 Years ago

From the July 5, 1890 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

THE KILLING OF ISAAC YOHO.

On Friday about two o'clock as Sol. Raymond of the *Durango Herald* was walking up Greene street from the ball ground a man named Isaac Yoho stepped up to him and asked if his name was Raymond. He said "yes" and the man struck him. Raymond called for an officer and told Yoho he was attacking him at his peril.

Yoho made another strike at him and Raymond picked up a rock and throwing it struck Yoho on the back of the head. Yoho was moved to a hotel but remained unconscious and at

11:30 p.m. he died. The coroner was summoned and a jury empaneled. The jury viewed the body and suggested a post mortem examination ... (It) was held today and it was found that his skull was fractured. The inquest will be held in Dick's Hall this evening at 8 p.m. In the meantime Raymond is in the custody of the sheriff. The cause of the trouble was an article published in the *Durango Herald* some time since in regard to Yoho refusing to loan his horse on the occasion of a fire there and reflecting upon his conduct at the time. The deceased had lived here for some years. He owned some gold claims in Ice Lake basin and a ranch in the lower country, where he has many friends.

105 Years ago

From the July 2, 1910 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

TRAIN DECAPITATES 'COAL HOUSE KID.'

Last Tuesday night, Irving Behrendt, known as the "Coal House Kid," and Carl Fritz started to walk to Ouray and from there to attempt to catch trains to Reno in time to witness the prize fight. The time was so limited that many of their friends tried to dissuade them from making the venture, but they

had made up their minds to go. Friday morning, word came by telephone from Grand Junction that Behrendt had been killed at that place at three o'clock that morning by passenger train No. 5 as it was leaving for Salt Lake. In an effort to board the train, in some manner unknown he was thrown under the cars and his head was severed from the body and crushed. The coroner said Fritz could not be located and it is supposed he succeeded in getting on the train first and did not know of his partner's fate.

Irving Behrendt was 26 years of age and formerly lived in New Britain, Connecticut, where his father and other relatives now reside. He was in constant communication with his father, who has been urging to him to return home ever since he came to Silverton about five years ago. He was of a genial, free-living disposition, always accommodating and made friends of all whom he met. He was last employed at the Vienna Cafe in this city. His many friends in Silverton regret very much to hear of his untimely death.

Behrendt's father was notified in case he wishes the remains buried here. The Silverton Industrial union, of which he was a member, will have the body brought here for interment.

90 Years ago

From the July 3, 1925 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

MOLAS PARK DEDICATION RAINED OUT.

The picnic which was given last Sunday at Molas Lake was enjoyed by about 300 people who came from all parts of the basin. Paonia, Delta, Montrose, Norwood, Telluride, Ouray, Durango, Lewis and Pagosa Springs were the towns represented by the 60 or more visiting cars.

A heavy shower which came up at 1:30 cast somewhat of a wet blanket over the festivities and sent many carloads of visitors hurrying for shelter. The dedication ceremony for Molas Lake which was to have been held at the same time was postponed because of rain.

John Lonergan has on display at the Royal Ice Cream Parlor a very large and effective photograph of Molas lake which he took during the picnic there last Sunday.

L.A. "Toots" Klinger, a former well-known resident of Silverton and for a number of years editor of the *Standard*, spent several days in town early in the week renewing acquaintances and extending the "glad hand" to his

many friends. Mr Klinger lived for eighteen years in Silverton when San Juan county was on the boom and recalls many exciting experiences of those days. For four years after leaving Silverton "Toots" edited a newspaper in Idaho, then he located in Monrovia, California, where he runs a successful job and fancy printing shop. Mrs. Klinger, who is also an expert printer, accompanied him. Sunday they attended the Masonic picnic at Molas lake, and Monday went to Eureka where they visited the Sunnyside mill which was built after Mr. Klinger left the San Juan. They are traveling in a Dodge touring car and visited several towns in the lower country before coming to Silverton.

50 Years ago

From the July 1, 1960 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

HUGE MUCKING MACHINE ARRIVES.

Standard Metals received shipment of a newly designed Gardner-Denver mucking machine last week. The machine weighed over six tons and was shipped in by railroad. the new crawler type mucker will be put into immediate service at the company's American Tunnel project at Gladstone.

Looking Back

15 Years Ago
June 29, 2000

In 62 of 63 Colorado counties, callers in times of emergency can simply call that universal number of distress, 911.

In that 63rd county, San Juan, however, 911 is still spelled 387-5531, the most regular looking phone number among the Sheriff's Departments.

Under a proposal to be discussed in July by the powers that be, Silverton would soon join the rest of the state with a three-digit S.O.S.

25 Years Ago
June 28, 1990

Sheriff's blotter: A bird reportedly flew away from its cage at 760 Greene when someone opened the cage door. The favorite food of the bird is reported as bird seed.

Willy Tookey took a leave of absence as mayor in a letter to the town board Monday night. He said he would do so until a new public works director is selected by the board. Tookey has submitted an application for the job.

30 Years Ago
June 27, 1985

Sheriff's blotter: Vandalism reported to flowers at the library. Librarian Judy Zimmerman will

take care of the culprits.

35 Years Ago
July 3, 1980

Stott's shots.

By Don Stott

How much has Silverton's growth been stunted because it requires the ascent of not one but TWO steep grades as well as descent of the same grades. How many people have been bonked by or bumped into the many rock slides that constantly fall on the north side of Coal Bank? ... How many millions of gallons of gasoline have been wasted climbing Coal Bank hill? Lime Creek was practically level. It went around the mountain rather than over it.

Look at a map or travel both

roads. Imagine modern road construction techniques when you look at the snake like curves of the old Lime Creek Road. How easy it would be to straighten and make one less high "pass" to Silverton.

One of our local watering holes is in danger. It is in this situation because of the misconduct of the very people it serves. I refer to the Grand Imperial Hotel, a place many of us have enjoyed in the past.

At the next town board meeting, the hotel will have its liquor license on the line because of the belligerent behavior of its patrons: us! ...

Speaking as a member of the drinking class of Silverton, I do not believe that we want, or can even afford the closure of one of

our bars. ... It can get awfully dry in town on a winter Sunday night when Gene and Ginny are on vacation.

— Don Powers

45 Years Ago
July 3, 1970

Approval was given two Silverton businessmen to take horses to the neighborhood of the narrow gauge train at the last meeting of the Silverton Town Board two Monday evenings ago.

The okay was given upon request of Tom Henderson and L.E. Pettingill — both of whom asked the board for permission to solicit riders by having horses at the train.